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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, in which the Examiner has set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Under separate cover, Applicants claim a two-month extension, extending the response date from December 27, 2004 to March 27, 2005. A fee of \$1020.00 is enclosed. No further fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3405.